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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,689,760
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0109856
- (3) Japan 02-132481
- (4) Japan 07-191510
- (5) Japan 07-234610
- (6) Japan 09-114267
- (7) Japan 09-160315
- (8) Japan 10-198093

Document (2) above has a common inventor with, and is commonly assigned with, the subject application.

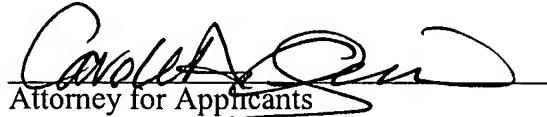
Document (3) is discussed in the specification commencing at page 49, line 22, document (4) is discussed in the specification commencing at page 50, line 11, documents (5), (6) and (8) are discussed in the specification commencing at page 50, line 2, and document (7) is discussed in the specification commencing at page 51, line 5. These documents might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. English-language abstracts for documents (3) to (8) are enclosed. In addition, document (1) is believed to be an English-language counterpart of document (4).

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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